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Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph at page 1, line 1:

RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120 of U.S. application serial no. 09/949,430, filed September 7, 2001. The application is also related to U.S. application serial no. 09/944,495, filed August 31, 2001. The disclosure of the prior applications are considered part of and are incorporated by reference in the disclosure of this application.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 19 as with the following amended paragraph:

Details relating to the semiconductor light sources (e.g., both LED or laser) and the manner in which they are coupled to fiber optical elements are described in U.S. Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ 09/949,430, Solid-State Light Source, in the name of Yuri Kazakevich, filed on August 31, 2001 and incorporated herein by reference.